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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), before payment of the issue fee.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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